

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 193

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michele Owen on her selection as the Tennessee Science Teachers Association's 2022 Science Educator of the Year for grades 9-12.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michele Owen is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owen has been selected as the Tennessee Science Teachers Association's 2022 Science Educator of the Year for grades 9-12; the award recognizes leadership roles in promoting science and outstanding contributions to science education; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee, Ms. Owen has continued in a student posture as an educator, developing her pedagogical approach and skillset through her participation in the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, the Adopt-A-Watershed program, and the Ecology Project International program; and

WHEREAS, her professional development and her love of experiential education for her students have taken her far from her home in Tennessee, leading her to Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands, and Uganda; and

WHEREAS, Michele Owen, who joined the faculty at William Blount High School's Ninth Grade Academy a decade ago, daily shares her passion of biology and ecology with her students to teach them the importance of scientific inquiry and conservation; and

WHEREAS, a gifted teacher, Michele Owen is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owen serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Michele Owen truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Michele Owen on being chosen as the Tennessee Science Teachers Association's 2022 Science Educator of the Year for grades 9-12, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.